ACP to CGHS Pharmacists

1552. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2290 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th March, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Additional Director (SZ), CGHS has not been implementing ACP accorded to eligible Pharmacists and extending financial benefits to them whereas order have already been issued;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether responsibility has since been fixed in the matter;

(d) by when Government would implement the ACP in respect of said pharmacists;

(e) whether necessary clarification in respect of Allopathic system of Pharmacists has been received from DGHS/DOPT; and

(f) if so, by when, Government propose to accord ACP to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No Sir. In fact, the benefit of Assured Career Progression to the Pharmacists (Allopathic) could not be extended so far for want of clarification regarding promotional hierarchy. However, the benefit has already been granted to eligible Pharmacists in respect of ISM&H in this zone.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.

(d) to (f) The matter is being pursued to remedy the situation. After the position regarding promotional hierarchy is cleared, the benefit of ACP scheme would be extended to the CGHS Allopathic Pharmacists also.

Increase in diabetes patients

†1553. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of diabetes patients is constantly increasing in the country;

(b) whether Government are taking any effective measures to check it;

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(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) According to the Indian Council of Medical Research, there is epidemiological evidence showing increase in prevalence of diabetes, particularly in urban areas of the country.

Diabetes treatment is done at all levels in the rural health care delivery system and urban health care institutions. There are also around 100 Government Medical Colleges in the country, besides premiere institutions like AIIMS, which provides both secondary and tertiary diabetes management facilities. A Pilot Project on "Strengthening of Bio-Chemical Laboratories and Quality Assurance" was initiated in 1999-2000 in the States of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Punjab. The National Diabetes Control Programme has now been merged with Indian Council of Medical Research which has constituted an Expert Group to formulate a revised comprehensive Plan of Action to control diabetes.

Law for registration of clinical labs

1554. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to bring in a law for registration of clinical labs in the country to streamline the laboratory facilities;

(b) if so, whether Government have sought the opinion of the States;

(c) if so, the number of States which have responded, so far;

(d) whether his Ministry has conducted any study on the co-efficient variation on the test results of clinical labs; and

(e) if so, the results of the study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No State has yet responded.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) In view of (d) above, does not arise.